



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Case No. F-2014-09286

Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

I refer to our letter dated November 18, 2014 regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

The search of the records of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs has been completed and has resulted in the retrieval of three additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that they may be released in full. All released material is enclosed.

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Sincerely,



John F. Hackett, Acting Director
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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COUP

1. (U) ON MARCH 24, 2001, NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE
IN ARGENTINA TO MARK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1976
MILITARY COUP. THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES HAD CALLED FOR A DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE AND AT CITY SCHOOLS AND BUILDINGS, THE
NATIONAL FLAG WILL FLY AT HALF-MAST. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN
DISSEMINATED FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO REFLECT IN CLASS ON
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COUP. TWO MARCHES ARE PLANNED FOR

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THE DAY. THE FIRST, ORGANIZED BY THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO, WILL HAPPEN MID-DAY. THE SECOND AND LARGER MARCH WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 AT THE CONGRESS AND MARCH TO THE PLAZA DE MAYO.

THE SECOND MARCH WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES PUT FORWARD IN CONGRESS TO MARK THE DATE, MOST BY FREPASO DEPUTIES, SOME OF WHOM WERE MEMBERS OF GROUPS LIKE THE MONTENEROS WHO WERE TARGETS OF THE MILITARY REPRESSION DURING THE DIRTY WAR. ONE OF THESE INITIATIVES PROPOSES THE REMOVAL OF THE BUSTS OF MILITARY LEADERS FROM THE CASA ROSADA GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WHERE THEY ARE INCLUDED WITH ALL OTHER PRESIDENTS OF ARGENTINA SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

UNCONSTITUTIONALITY RULING ON AMNESTY LAWS PROCEEDS

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2. (U) ON MARCH 15 JULIO SIMON, AN EX-POLICE OFFICIAL BEING INVESTIGATED FOR HIS POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOSE AND GERTRUDIS POBLETE (SEE REFTTEL), WAS TRANSPORTED FROM THE PRISON WHERE HE IS BEING HELD FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF THE POBLETE,S DAUGHTER CLAUDIA, TO THE COURTHOUSE WHERE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO PROVIDE HIS STATEMENT (DECLARACION INDAGATORIA). THIS DECLARATION CANNOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY, AND SINCE SIMON'S ATTORNEY DID NOT SHOW UP FOR THE HEARING, FEDERAL JUDGE CAVALLO ORDERED SIMON BACK TO DETENTION. JUDGE CAVALLO SENT NOTICE TO APPIANI THAT IF HE DOES NOT PRESENT HIMSELF FOR THE DECLARATION RE-SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, MARCH 16, THE COURT WOULD APPOINT ANOTHER ATTORNEY TO ATTEND. SIMON IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE DECLARATION IN THE WAKE OF THE MARCH DECISION OF JUDGE CAVALLO FINDING AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL THE TWO AMNESTY LAWS FROM THE LATE 1980'S. WITH THIS DECISION, THE CASE AGAINST SIMON AND ANOTHER EX-POLICE OFFICIAL, DEL CERRO, CAN MOVE FORWRAD THROUGH THE COURTS.

3. (U) THE ATTORNEYS FOR DEL CERRO AND SIMON REPORTEDLY WILL APPEAL THE CASE TO THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT. ONE SOURCE, AS WELL AS THE LOCAL MEDIA, SUGGESTED THAT THE APPEALS COURT WOULD UPHOLD CAVALLO,S UNCONSTITUTIONALITY RULING. THE CASE WOULD THEN PROCEED TO THE SUPREME COURT. ALTHOUGH THE SUPREME COURT RULED THE LAWS CONSTITUTIONAL IN 1987, THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE SAME DECISION NOW. ONLY THREE OF THE JUSTICES ON THAT DECISION REMAIN ON THE COURT AND THE INTERNATIONAL AND LEGAL PRECEDENTS CITED IN JUDGE CAVALLO'S DECISION WERE NOT ADDRESSED IN THE PRIOR DECISION. (E.G., CAVALLO CITED ARTICLE 118 OF THE CONSTITUTION AS INTERPRETED

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BY THE SUPREME COURT IN THE DECISION TO EXTRADITE ERICK

PRIEBKE FOR NAZI CRIMES, CRIMES ALSO CHARACTERIZED AS THOSE FOR WHICH NO ONE CAN GRANT AMNESTY.) THE DEFENSE LAWYERS REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO APPEAL THE CASE DIRECTLY TO THE SUPREME COURT VIA A MECHANISM CALLED &PER SALTUM8 WHICH ALLOWS A CASE TO BYPASS THE APPEALS PROCESS. MANY BELIEVE THE SUPREME COURT WILL NOT ACCEPT THE PER SALTUM REQUEST.

HABEAS DATA REQUEST OF MILITARY

4. (U) AFTER ACCEPTING OVER 600 HABEAS DATA REQUESTS FROM THE MILITARY, CELS, THE LOCAL NGO (SEE REFTEL), REQUESTED THAT THE MILITARY PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: DIVISION, GRADE, FUNCTION, OFFICE, AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, FROM 1974 TO 1983. THE MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE THUS FAR ONLY PROVIDED THEIR NAMES AND DOCUMENT NUMBERS. CELS STATED THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE AN ALPHABETICAL INVENTORY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL BUT HAS AN ARCHIVE OF 1,500 JUDICIAL CASES, 400 TESTIMONIALS, 3,500 PHOTOS, APPROXIMATELY 200,000 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 5,000 PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER SOURCES TO BE CONSULTED. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SEARCH MORE EFFICIENTLY,

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 THEY CLAIM THAT THEY NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE MILITARY
 OFFICIALS WHO ARE SOLICITING THE HABEAS DATA INFORMATION.

5. (U) COMMENT: MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS AND THE LOCAL MEDIA CONFIRM THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROCEED WITH A FEW CAREFULLY SELECTED CASES AND THAT AN AVALANCHE OF CASES IN THE COURTS IS VERY UNLIKELY. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT REACTION TO JUDGE CAVALLO'S DECISION CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF RESTRAINT AND DEMONSTRATES THE CHANGES THAT HAVE ACCOMPANIED THE PASSING OF TIME. ONE SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT TEN YEARS AGO THE SUPREME COURT WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE CAVALLO CASE IMMEDIATELY AND RULED THE LOWER DECISION VOID. INSTEAD, ALL SIDES TO THE CASE APPEAR TO BE HANDLING THE DECISION IN A BALANCED MANNER, WITH MOST PEOPLE CLEARLY READY TO LEAVE THE FINAL DECISION WITH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. REFLECTING HIS OWN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE CURRENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP, JUDGE CAVALLO REPORTEDLY WILL ATTEND TODAY A MILITARY CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRENADIERS REGIMENT.

 TRUTH COMMISSIONS CONVENE

6. (U) WITH THE END OF SUMMER VACATION, THE COURTS IN MENDOZA, LA PLATA, CORDOBA, SALTA AND BAHIA BLANCA ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS OF DISAPPEARANCES THAT OCCURRED DURING THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP 1976-1983. THESE &TRUTH COURTS8 WERE SELF-ESTABLISHED BY JUDGES TO INVESTIGATE DISAPPEARANCES; THEY HAVE NO ENFORCEMENT OR LEGAL POWER TO PROSECUTE THOSE INVOLVED, BUT ARE AN EFFORT TO AT LEAST ESTABLISH THE FACTS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN INDIVIDUAL

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 CASES OF "DISAPPEARED". WITH THE AMNESTY LAWS, CONSTITUTIONALITY NOW IN QUESTION (SEE REFTTEL), THERE COULD EVENTUALLY BE SOME IMPACT ON THESE TRUTH COMMISSIONS.

7. (U) IN LA PLATA, THE JUDGE IS INVESTIGATING THE FATE OF OVER 2,000 DISAPPEARED PERSONS. JUDGE LEOPOLD SCHIFFRIN CALLED EMILIO GRASELLI, EX-SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY CHAPLAIN AND RETIRED CORONAL PEDRO DURAN SAENZ, PRESUMED HEAD OF THE A CLANDESTINE DETENTION CENTER, TO TESTIFY. SAENZ WAS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY ON MARCH 15, BUT HE DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT AS SCHEDULED GIVEN MEDICAL REASONS. SCHIFFER DID TESTIFY AND HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN MAY 1999. THE COURT ALSO INTENDS TO HEAR TESTIMONY FROM CIVILIANS, SUCH AS NEIGHBORS AND DOCTORS WHO SIGNED THE DEATH CERTIFICATES OF THE DISAPPEARED, AS WELL AS TWO PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED AT THE DETENTION CENTER AND A FAMILY MEMBER OF A DISAPPEARED. THE LA PLATA INVESTIGATION HAS REPORTEDLY LED TO THE FINDING OF A SECRET ARCHIVE IN THE EX INTELLIGENCE CENTER OF BUENOS

AIRES, THE IDENTIFICATION OF OVER 100 BODIES, AND THE DISCOVERY OF LISTS OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, INDIVIDUALS IN LA PLATA WHO WERE GOING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COURT HAVE COMPLAINED OF HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION.

8. (U) IN MENDOZA, THE FEDERAL COURT LAST SEPTEMBER DECIDED TO CONVENE A FORUM TO INVESTIGATE OVER 2,000 CASES OF DISAPPEARANCES FROM SAN JUAN, SAN LUIS AND MENDOZA. ON MARCH 8, THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT HEARD THE TESTIMONY OF GENERAL MARIO CHRETIEN WHO DECLARED THAT NO DOCUMENTS EXIST WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCES THAT OCCURRED FROM 1976 THROUGH 1980. HE CLAIMED THAT ALL DOCUMENTS WERE BURNED.

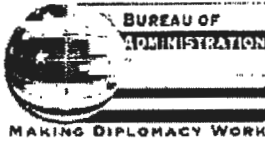
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HE WAS SECRETARY OF THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE MILITARY, GENERAL MARTIN BALZA. HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS COMPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT SAY WHEN, HOW OR BY WHOM THE DOCUMENTS WERE BURNED. DESPITE REPEATED CLAIMS BY MILITARY OFFICIALS THAT ALL DOCUMENTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE DIRTY WAR, LIMITED DOCUMENT ARCHIVES HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED IN A NUMBER OF PLACES IN RECENT YEARS. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND FAMILIES OF THE DISAPPEARED ARE PRESSING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH TO UNCOVER AS MUCH DOCUMENTARY PROOF AS POSSIBLE ON THE CASES OF THE DISAPPEARED.
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AND (D).

1. (U) ACTION REQUESTS THROUGHOUT.

SUMMARY

2. (C) IN A DECEMBER 18 MEETING WITH CHARGE, FONMIN DI TELLA ECHOED THE U.S. POLICY LINE ON PARAGUAY, FORESHADOWED ARGENTINE ATTENDANCE AT AN IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN CUBA, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING FORWARD ON THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS ISSUE. HE ALSO ARGUED AGAINST THE USE OF "SALAMI TACTICS" IN PURSUIT OF A FREE TRADE AREA, AND UNDERScoreD THAT ARGENTINA HAD PAID A PRICE FOR BACKING THE U.S. ON CLIMATE CHANGE. END SUMMARY.

3. (U) FONMIN GUIDO DI TELLA CALLED IN CHARGE DECEMBER 18 FOR A REVIEW OF BILATERAL ISSUES. ALSO PRESENT WERE VICE
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FONMIN ANDRES CISNEROS, UNDER SECRETARY ALBERTO DAVEREDE,
AND EMBASSY POLCOUNS.

PARAGUAY

4. (C) DI TELLA ACKNOWLEDGED BEING "VERY WORRIED ABOUT PARAGUAY." THINGS WERE NOT GOING WELL. WASMOSY SEEMED TO BE HAVING AN ATTACK OF NERVES OVER OVIEDO, WHOM DI TELLA CONSIDERED TO BE "A DISASTER IN ALL WAYS." THAT SAID, GOA WAS COMMITTED TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN PARAGUAY. WASMOSY SHOULD NOT VIOLATE THAT PROCESS. IF THE RESULT WERE AN OVIEDO VICTORY, GOA WOULD HAVE TO DO ITS BEST TO WORK WITH OVIEDO. (NOTE: DI TELLA'S LINE, WHICH EFFECTIVELY PARALLELS U.S. POLICY, OFFERED NO HINT OF THE

"U.S. VS. OVIEDO" REMARK ALLEGED BY REF A TO HAVE BEEN
MADE BY PRESIDENT MENEM. END NOTE.)

CUBA

5. (C) DI TELLA SAID CUBA WAS NOT HIGH ON THE LIST OF ARGENTINE PRIORITIES, AND NOT AN ISSUE OVER WHICH IT WISHED TO "FIGHT" WITH THE U.S. NEVERTHELESS, GOA HAD "AN OPINION" ABOUT CUBA. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO OPEN THE COUNTRY AND SECURE DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. IT HAD NOT WORKED IN THE CASE OF CHINA, BUT CUBA WAS SMALLER. HELMS-BURTON WAS "EXACTLY THE WRONG WAY TO GO," AND HAD HELPED CASTRO GREATLY BY REVIVING FLAGGING PUBLIC SUPPORT. CUBA ALSO OWED ARGENTINA 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS, A FACT THAT AFFECTED HOW ARGENTINA DEALT WITH CUBA.

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6. (C) HE SAW NO REAL OPPONENTS TO HOLDING THE 1999 IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN CUBA. NICARAGUA MIGHT SAY NO, BUT THAT WOULD NOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF "THE BIG BOYS" DECIDED TO ATTEND. LIKE THE POPE'S VISIT TO THE ISLAND, THE SUMMIT COULD BE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR THE CUBAN PEOPLE. AS A CONDITION OF HIS ATTENDANCE, PRESIDENT MENEM COULD INSIST ON ACCESS TO THE MEDIA, THEN USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION IN A "TOWN HALL" MEETING. DI TELLA URGED THAT THE U.S. AND ARGENTINA AVOID ANY PUBLIC SHOWDOWN OVER THE QUESTION OF ARGENTINE ATTENDANCE.

7. (C) NOTE: UPON LEAVING DI TELLA'S OFFICE, CHARGE ENCOUNTERED THE NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO HAVANA (TELLERMAN), DUE TO TAKE UP HIS POST DECEMBER 24. THE TWO WILL MEET IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS POLICY AND EXCHANGE VIEWS. END NOTE.

TRI-BORDER AREA

8. (C) DI TELLA EXPRESSED "EXTREME APPRECIATION" FOR U.S. HELP ON THE TRI-BORDER PROBLEM (REF B). CISNEROS, WHO HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE AREA, DESCRIBED IT AS "A BIG MESS."

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9. (C) IRANIAN CULTURAL ATTACHE RABANNI, SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBINGS OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, IS CURRENTLY OUTSIDE ARGENTINA. DI TELLA SAID HE WOULD BE ALLOWED BACK TO "PACK HIS BAGS AND LEAVE." THIS WAS PREFERABLE TO DECLARING HIM PERSONA NON GATA: "WE DO NOT WANT TO STACK UP UNNECESSARY OFFENSES, RESULTING IN UNNECESSARY BOMBS."

10. (C) DI TELLA ASKED FOR THE U.S. PERCEPTION OF RECENT IRANIAN OVERTURES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, TO SHARE WITH THE MFA. END REQUEST.

MALVINAS

11. (C) DI TELLA SAID ARGENTINA APPRECIATED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT WISH TO GET CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO ALLIES OVER THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, FROM TIME TO TIME GOA WOULD ASK FOR WASHINGTON'S HELP. THERE WAS NOT MUCH THAT COULD BE DONE AT THE MOMENT, BUT PERHAPS THAT WOULD CHANGE IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO. HE INQUIRED WHERE THE DE-MINING PROPOSAL STOOD (REF C AND D). DAVEREDE INTERJECTED THAT THE PROJECT WAS PROGRESSING. DI TELLA

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STRESSED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THE ISSUE NOT BE ALLOWED TO "FLOUNDER." GOA DID NOT WISH TO BE SEEN AS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON THIS.

FREE TRADE

12. (C) DI TELLA ASKED THAT, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME ON FAST-TRACK, THE U.S. NOT ADOPT A "SALAMI APPROACH" TO FREE TRADE. WASHINGTON SHOULD NOT TRY TO IDENTIFY SOME PRODUCTS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT (E.G., AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT) WHILE OTHER PRODUCTS LANGUISHED. THERE SHOULD

BE NO "MINI FAST-TRACK" OR "NOT VERY FAST-TRACK."

KYOTO

13. (C) CHARGE REITERATED U.S. THANKS FOR ARGENTINE SUPPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE MEETING IN KYOTO. DI TELLA REPLIED THAT THE KYOTO VOTE "COST US" IN TERMS OF ARGENTINA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER STATES. HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. AND ARGENTINA WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY IN THE RUN-UP TO THE NOVEMBER 1998 MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES.

14. (C) CISNEROS ADDED THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS GIVING THE GOVERNMENT A HARD TIME FOR "FOLLOWING" THE U.S. LEAD. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOA WERE ABLE TO ELABORATE FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION A THEME AS TO WHY THE CLIMATE CHANGE VOTE WAS GOOD FOR ARGENTINA. ANY INFORMATION/LITERATURE THE U.S. COULD PROVIDE ALONG THOSE LINES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. (NOTE: WE HAVE PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE
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LITERATURE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. END NOTE.)

EXTRADITION

15. (C) DI TELLA SAID THE VATICAN IS ASKING GOA TO "RE-ACCEPT" PRIEBKE, WHOM DI TELLA DESCRIBED AS A "WAR CRIMINAL" EXTRADITED TO ITALY TO STAND TRIAL. IF ARGENTINA DID NOTHING, PRIEBKE COULD NOT RETURN. BUT THE VATICAN WAS EXERTING PRESSURE. HE ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD AN OPINION ON THE MATTER. PLEASE ADVISE.

NAZI GOLD

16. (C) DI TELLA, NOTING THAT ARGENTINA HAS A "HUGE" JEWISH COMMUNITY, ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO "NAZI GOLD" (REF E).

COMMENT

17. (C) THIS TOUR D'HORIZON REVEALED ONCE AGAIN THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOA TO STAND BY AND WITH THE U.S. ON KEY ISSUES, BUT ALSO SERVED TO REMIND US OF THE LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS THAT GOVERN THIS WILLING ALLY. CLEARLY, THE BEST WAY FOR THE GOA TO STAY THE COURSE IS FOR

US TO CONTINUE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE IN THOSE

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